



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 2364

A bill to establish a science and technology scholarship program to award scholarships to recruit and prepare students for careers in the National Weather Service and in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration marine research, atmospheric research, and satellite programs

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Science on May 17, 2005

H.R. 2364 would authorize the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to provide scholarships to individuals who are enrolled in appropriate science and technology programs at colleges or universities and who agree to work for the agency after graduation.

Assuming the availability of appropriated funds and based on information from NOAA, CBO estimates that implementing the authorized scholarship program would cost NOAA about \$500,000 annually. We estimate that enacting the bill would have no effect on direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 2364 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.